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## XML Based Bridging

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# XML

**XML = eXtensible Markup Language**

**Similar to other Markup Languages such as GML, SGML, HTML etc.**

**Key difference is the tag definitions**

- DTD defines data schema/tag meanings
- Rendering engines use the DTD to interpret and display the XML data stream
- Approach allows XML representation of very complex data schema

**There is a growing industry toolbase for the manipulation of XML data streams**

- Rendering engines, Parsers
- Manipulators, mappers, conversion tools

**There is an industry move toward XML as an application data interchange format**

# **XML Bridging Technology History**

- BankOne requirement is identified for trouble ticket bridging between the IBM managed Customer Service Center's Tivoli Service Desk system and AT&T Network Service Center GEMs system
- Solution Design/Development Proceeds
- XML Based Trouble Ticket Bridging Solution Delivered
- work begins on a generic XML Bridging Solution for use between additional systems and to enable bridging of additional system management data types to:
  - Facilitate additional service partnerships
  - Facilitate management system migrations

# **BankOne Trouble Ticket Bridge Solution**

## **Bi-directional Ticket Transfer between AT&T and IBM**

### **Informational Tickets**

- Tickets are reflected on target system for informational purposes
- Changes to tickets on the source system are reflected on target system
- No Informational Tickets to go from IBM to AT&T per current requirement

### **Ticket Referrals**

- Tickets are assigned to the target system for resolution
- The source system is updated with changes made on the target system
- The source ticket is R/O
- No Ticket Referrals from AT&T to IBM per current requirement
- Ticket Referrals to AT&T are initiated by ticket assignment to AT&T Resolver Group in TSD

## **BankOne Trouble Ticket Bridge Solution (cont'd)**

### **Bridge between Tivoli Service Desk and AT&T GEMs**

- Trouble Ticket Bridging
- Resulted in definition of a TSD Interface for XML Based Bridging
- Utilizes Existing AT&T GEMs Interface

**Serves as a Prototype for a Generic XML Based Bridging Solution**

# **Generic XML Based Data Bridge**

## **Bridge Enhancements**

- Capability to Bridge Multiple Data Types
  - ▶ Change, Problem, Asset, Others
- Field Ownership to Support RW Tickets on Multiple Systems
- Improved Logging and Statistics
  - ▶ Loading/Throughput/Performance
  - ▶ Transaction Turnaround Times
  - ▶ Support SLA Measurements
- Alert Instrumentation
  - ▶ Enhance current alert exit to operate in standard eESM environment
- More than two Sources/Destinations
  - ▶ One to Many
  - ▶ Many to Many

# **Generic XML Based Data Bridge (Cont'd)**

## **Common Access Interface to Bridge Component**

- HTTP Based Communications
- Defined Verb Set (Read, Create, Update, Acknowledge, etc.)

## **Gateway Developer's Kit**

- Skeleton Gateway
- Bridge Component Access Classes

## **Generic XML Gateway for TSD Component**

- Provides Support for Problems
- Target 90%-100% compatibility with accounts that require TSD bridge
- Provide System Test configuration

## **Visual Ruleset Editor**

# **Bridging Solution Components Currently Under Development**

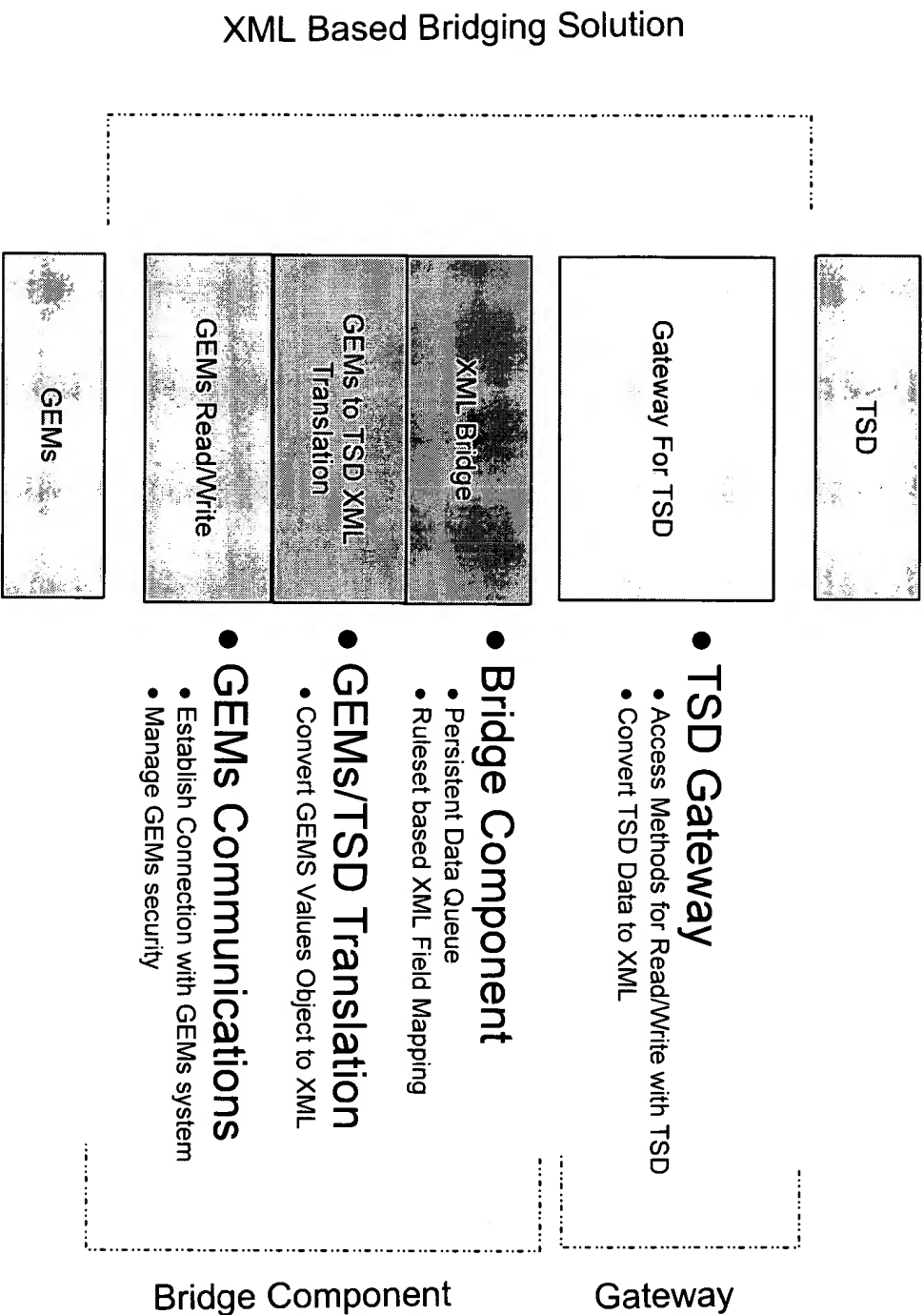
## **Extension of XML Problem Bridge provided in Bank One account environment**

- Generic XML Based Bridge
- Generic XML Gateway for Tivoli Service Desk (TSD) Problem
- Visual XML Mapping Ruleset Editor
- Gateway Software Development Kit (SDK)



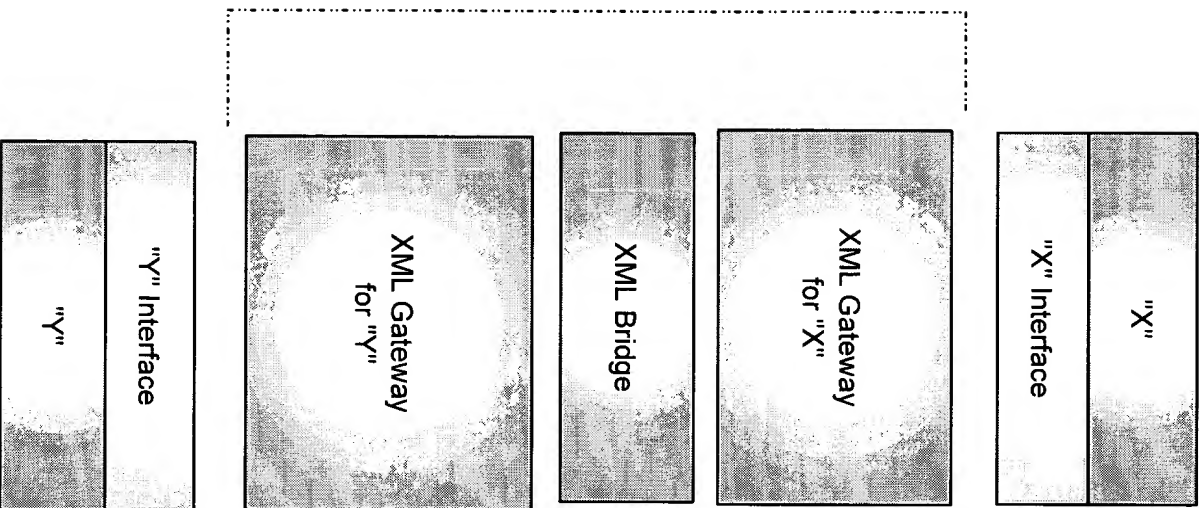
# Logical Architecture - TSD/GEMS

## BankOne Trouble Ticket Bridge (TSD - GEMS Specific)



# Logical Architecture - Generic

Target System "X"      XML Based Bridging Solution      Target System "Y"



- **Target System Interface**

- System Specific and May be:
  - Native API
  - Direct DB Access

- **Gateway**

- Access Methods for Read/Write with system "X"
- Convert System "X" Data to XML as required
- Communication with Bridge using Standard Class

- **Bridge Component**

- Persistent Data Queue
- Ruleset based XML Field Mapping

- **Gateway**

- Access Methods for Read/Write with system "Y"
- Convert System "Y" Data to XML as required
- Communication with Bridge using Standard Class

# **Bridge Component Detail**

## **Persistent Data Queue**

- High reliability
  - ▶ RAID DASD
  - ▶ Positive acknowledgment based operations
  - ▶ Retry logic with configurable time-outs and retry counts

## **Defined Gateway Interface with operational verb-set (Create, Update, Read, Acknowledge)**

## **XML Data Stream for Input and Output**

## **Ruleset Based Mapping**

- Based on IBM Research PATML technology

## **Implemented as a JAVA Servlet**

## **Gateway Component Detail**

**Provides access methods for the Target System**

- Read/Write

**Converts native read results to XML for outbound operations**

**Converts XML to native writes for inbound operations**

**Communicates with the bridge component via defined bridge interface methods**

**Implemented as a Java Servlet**

# Data Mapping

## Field to Field

- Bridge Component Function
- Field to Field with adjustment for data field lengths and types

## Semantic

- Typical Bridge Component Function
- Field Translation from source system value to the corresponding target system value (e.g. Priority A on Source System corresponds to Priority 1 on Target System)

## Business Logic

- Bridge or Gateway Component Function (Bridge Preferred)
- Field manipulations based on other fields and predefined business logic (e.g. Set proper fields to reopen a problem when certain conditions are met)

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# **XML Ruleset Mapping Editor**

## **Visual Mapping Editor**

- Reduce skill set required to create mapping rules
- Rules specified in pseudo-code fragments
  - ▶ If/Then/Else
  - ▶ Table Lookup
- Source and Target DTDs presented for rule references

# **Gateway Developer's Considerations**

## **Interface with Bridge**

- Base development on IBM Global Services Provided Development Kit
- Utilize Bridge Component Communications Classes
- Define XML Data Model and Corresponding DTD

## **Interface with Target System**

- Target System Interface to Support Required Actions (e.g. Read, Create, Update, Acknowledge) in order of preference:
  - ▶ System provided API to access its functions
  - ▶ Combined use of system API and direct access to target system database
  - ▶ Directly access the target system database
    - Access method (e.g. ODBC/JDBC)
- Provide Ability to Scale to Multiple Gateway Servers if High Load is Anticipated
- Target System Locking
- Target System Data Integrity and Consistency

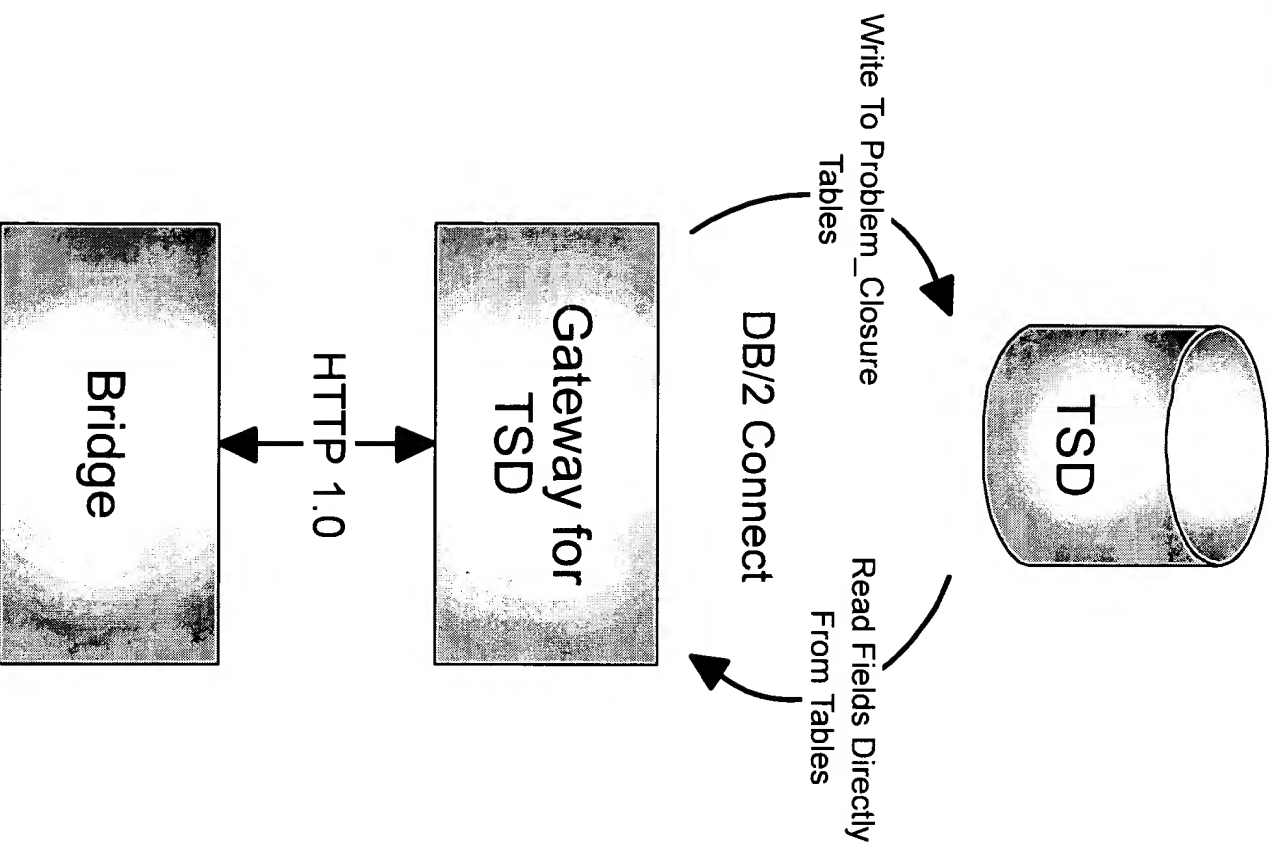
# Gateway Software Development Kit

## **Gateway Software Development Kit**

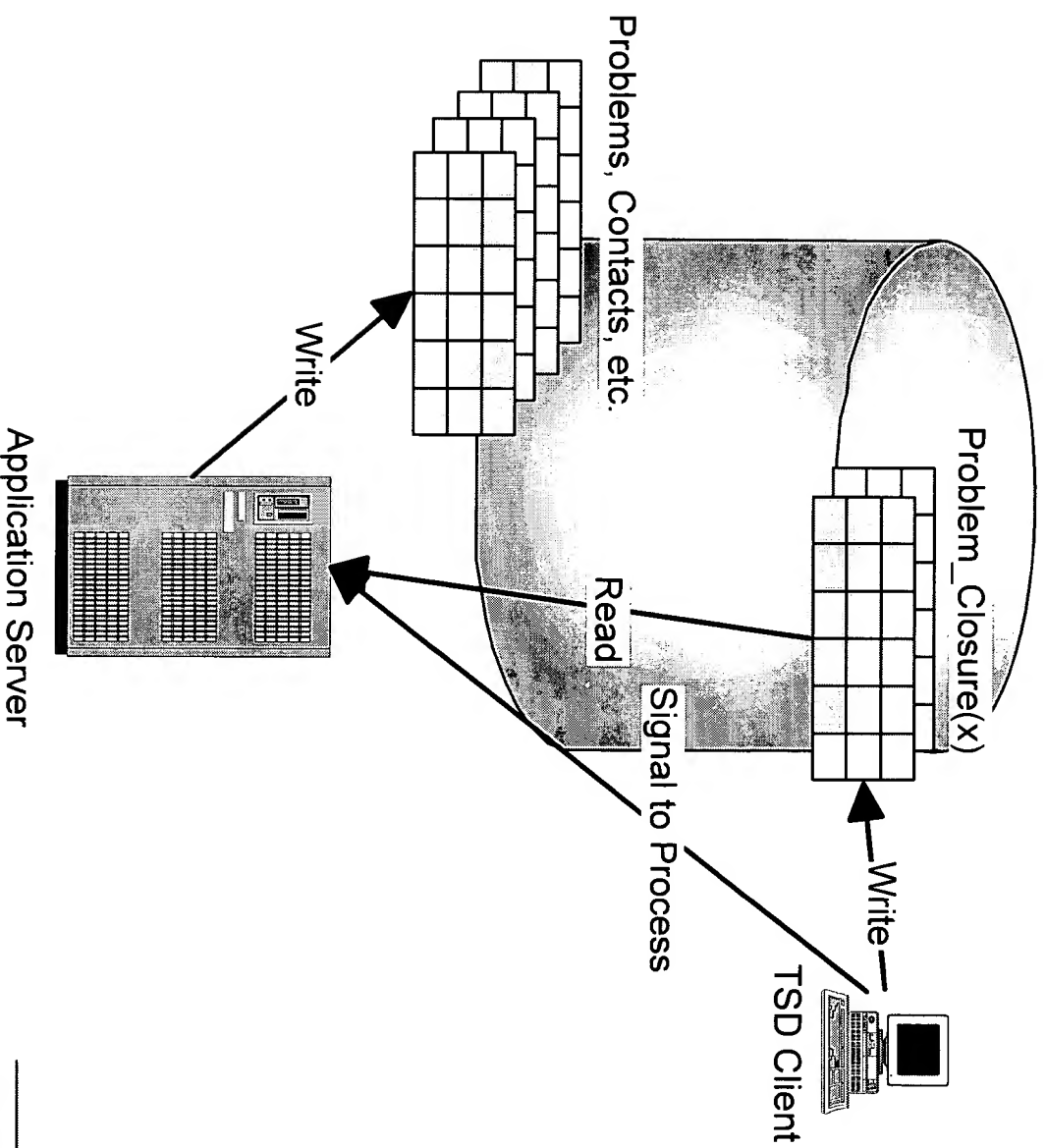
- Bridge communications Classes
- Base Gateway Class
- Source Code Skeleton of Gateway
  - ▶ Examples of provided class use
  - ▶ Examples of XML data transforms
- Documentation
  - ▶ Bridge API
  - ▶ Classes and Methods
  - ▶ Overview of GW Development activity



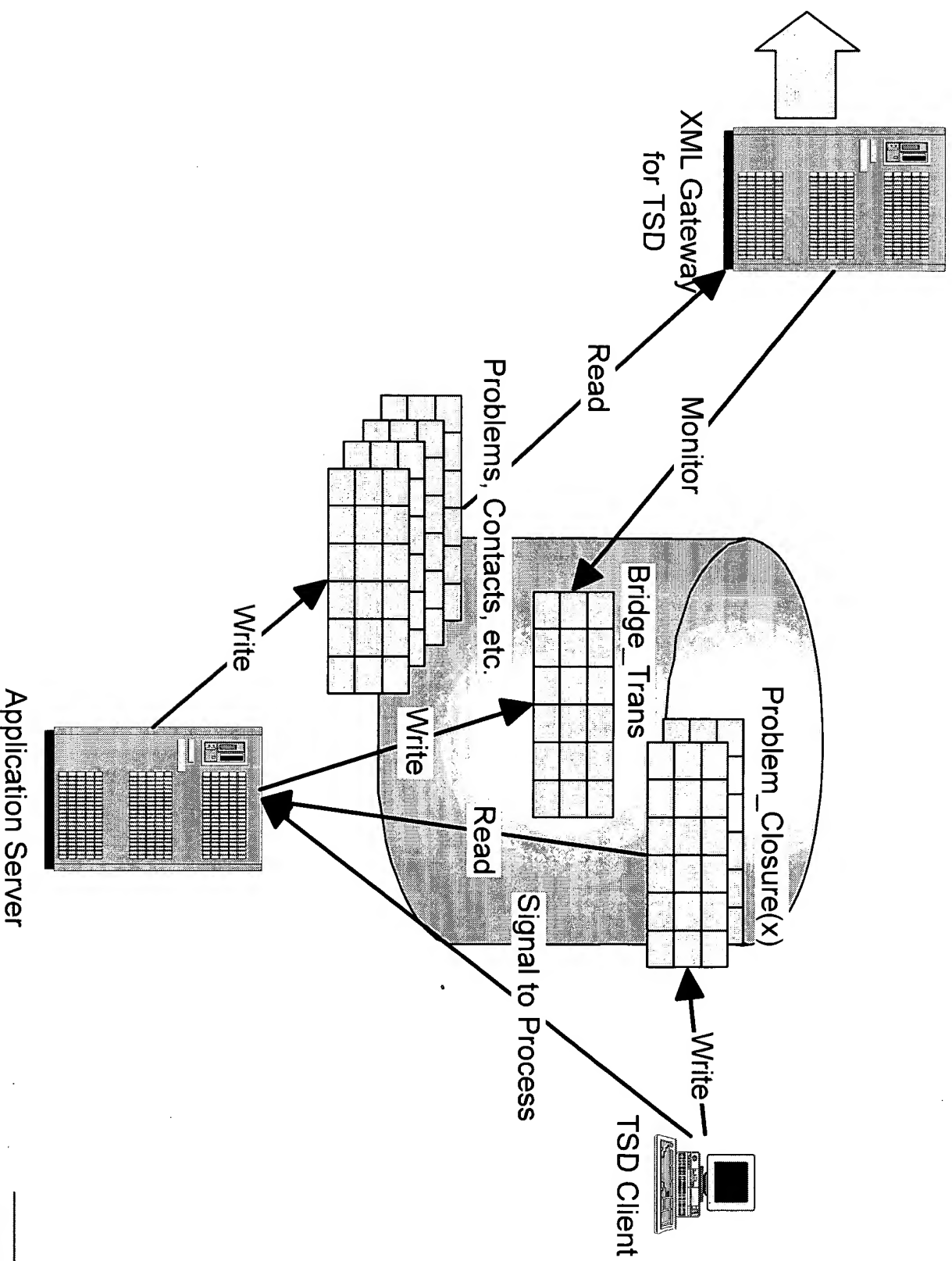
# Bridge - Gateway - TSD Communications



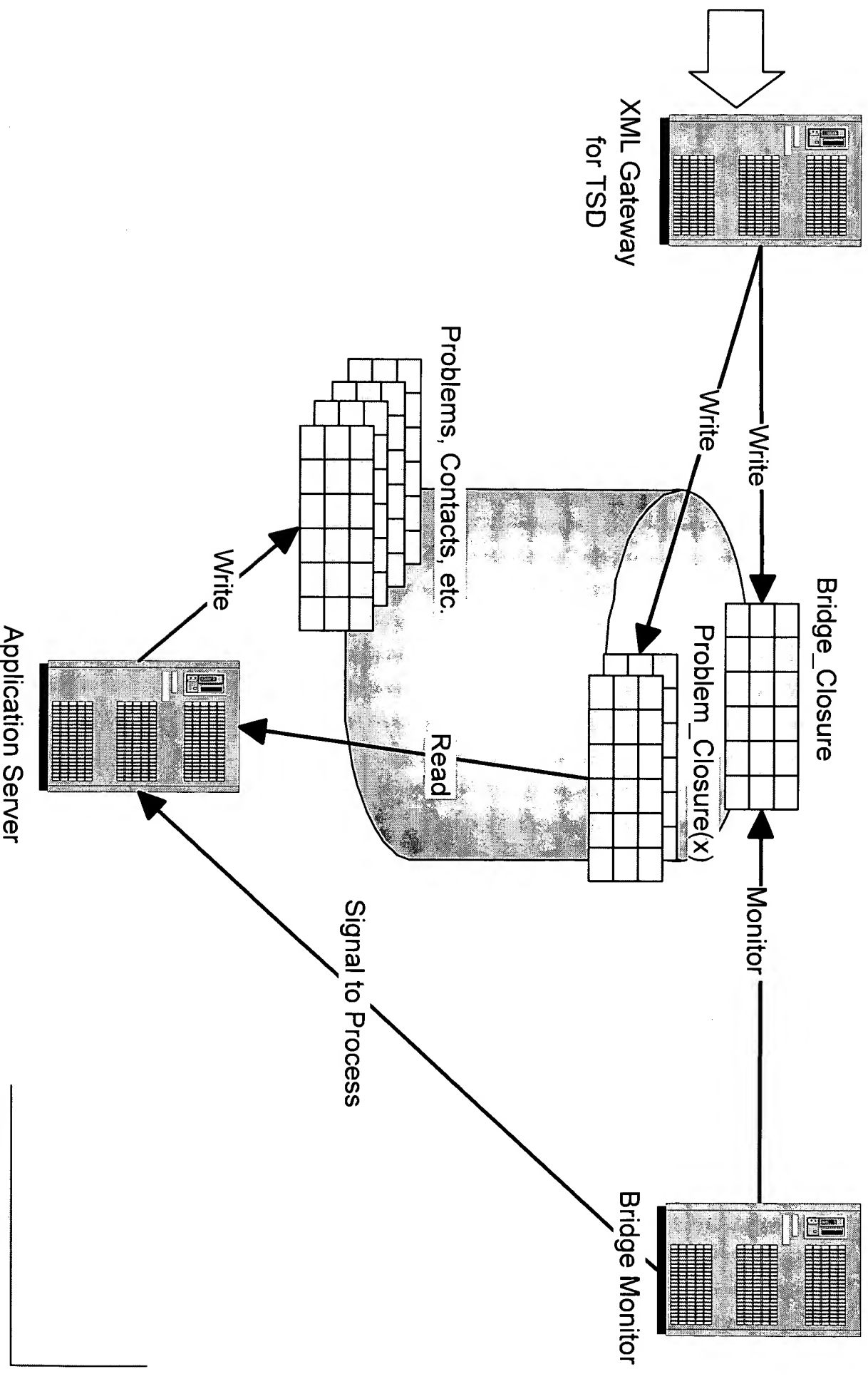
# TSD Interface - Native Client



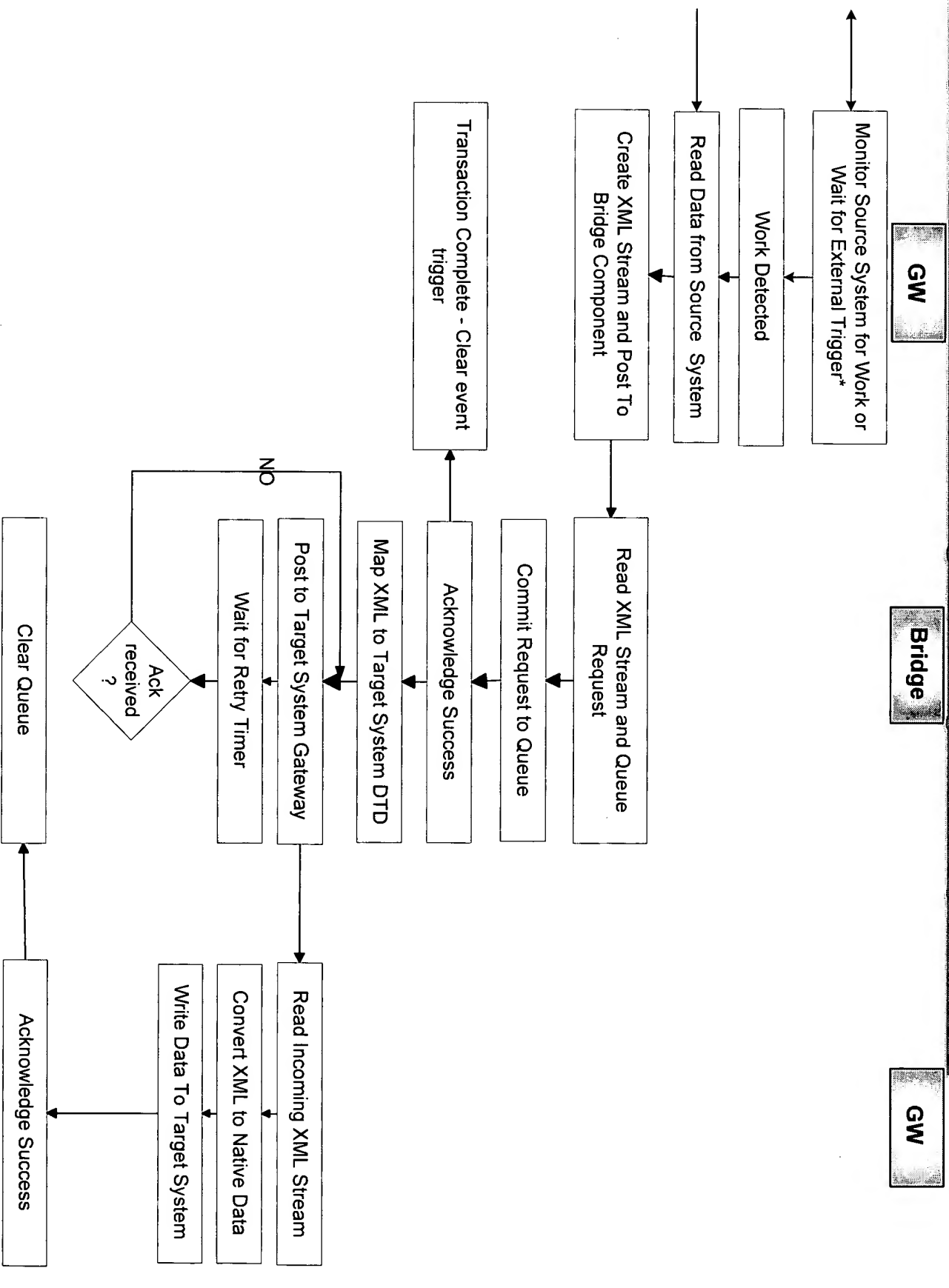
# TSD Interface - Outgoing Bridged Tickets



# TSD Interface - Incoming Bridged Tickets



# Sample Data Flow Through Bridge Components



# **Software**

**Microsoft Windows NT Server**

**Microsoft Internet Information Server (IIS Web Server)**

**IBM Websphere**

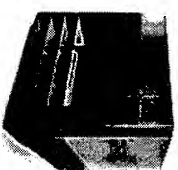
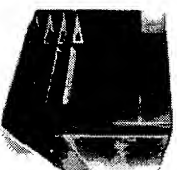
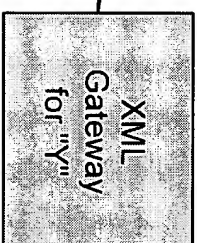
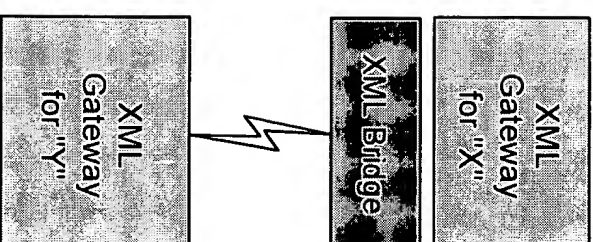
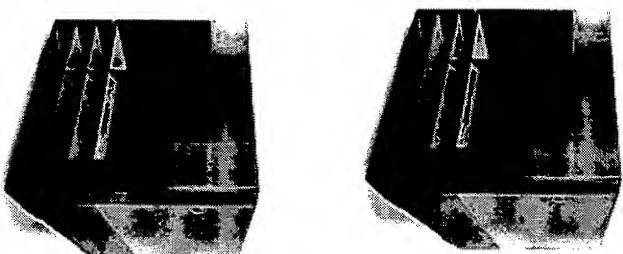
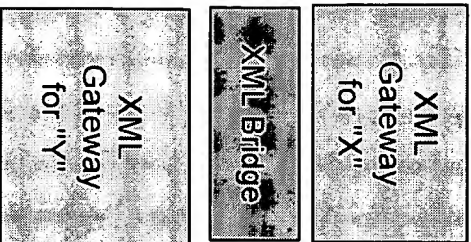
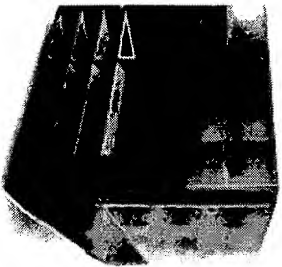
**Target System Access Software (as Required)**

- e.g. DB/2 Connect (JDBC)

**XML Based Bridging Solution**

- JAVA Servlets (Gateways, Bridge Component)
- Compiled Mapping Ruleset

# Physical Configuration Options



# **Physical Configuration Options**

**Each Component (Servlet) of the solution can be run on its own processor.**

- Allows rudimentary scaling of the solution as load increases
- Allows management of connectivity requirements
- Allows geographic distribution of components

**Multiple Instances of the bridging solution can be deployed in parallel**

- Additional scaling



# **Future Considerations**

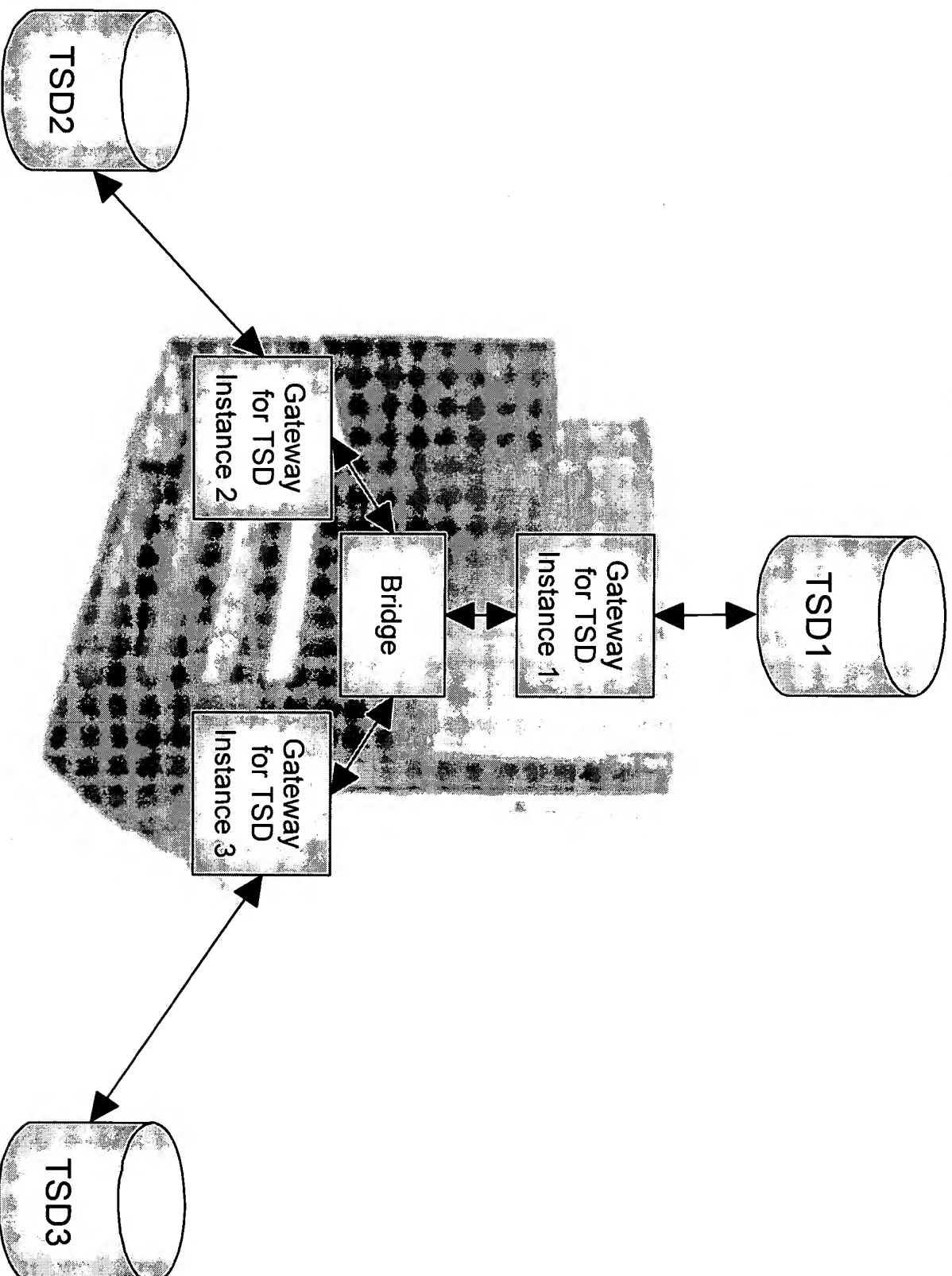
## **Definition of a base system management XML data schema**

- Industry standardization
- Enabler for simplified integration of vendor products
- Enabler for simplified partnering

## **Analysis of B2B initiatives and XML Bridging Technology's role**

# ***Backup***

# System Test Infrastructure



# **System Test Scenario Development**

## **Test DTDs**

### **Test Mapping Ruleset**

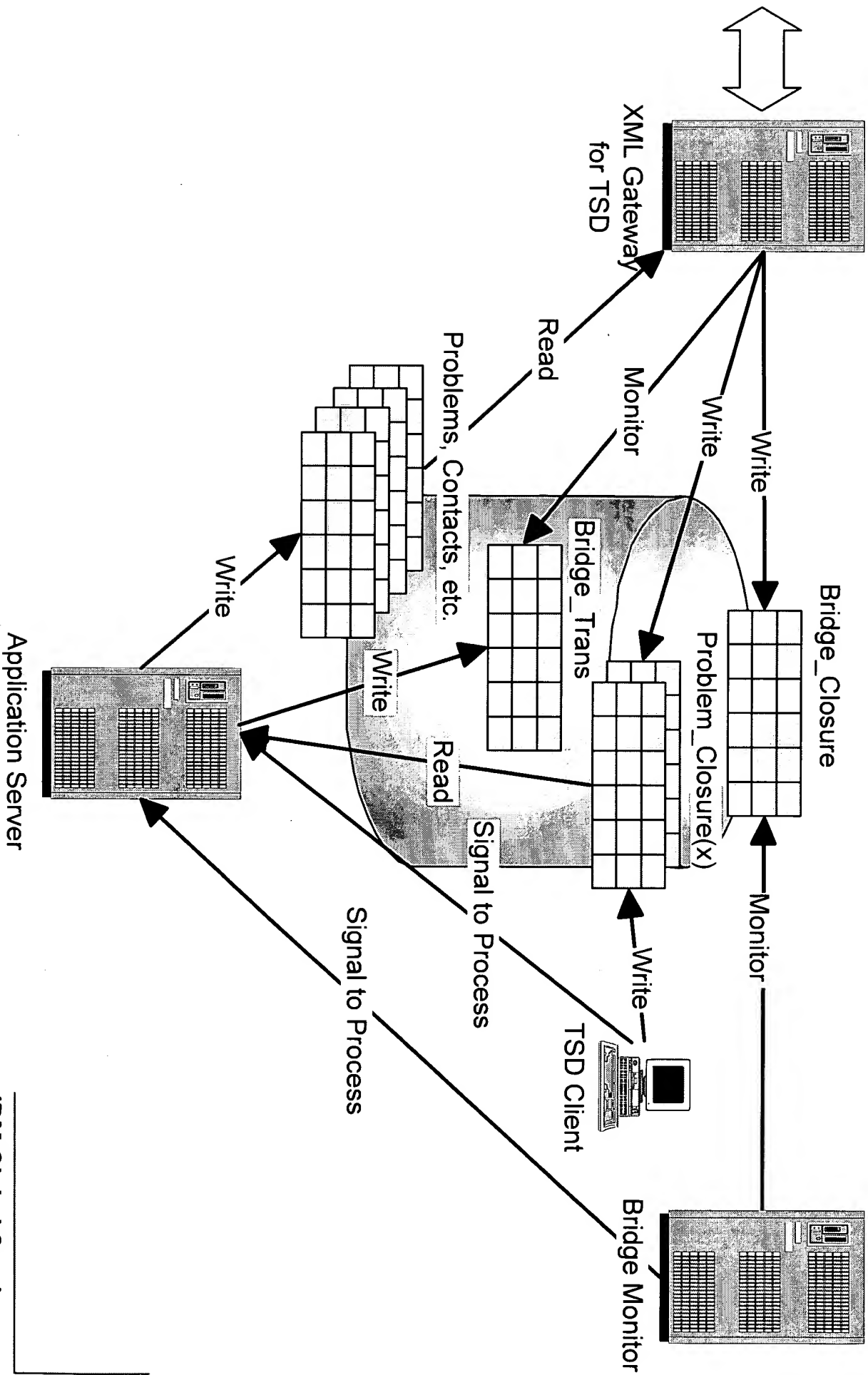
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### **Problem Ticket Scenarios**

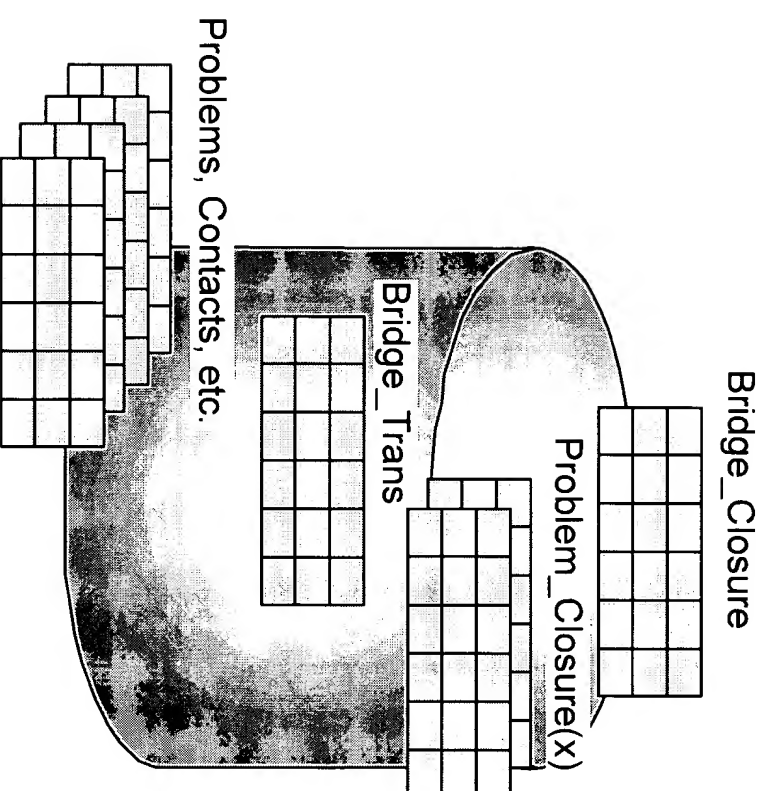
### **Multi-customer Support Scenarios**

- Exploit prefixed views based shared environment

# TSD Interface Details



# TSD Database - Bridge Related Tables



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